

United States Patent and Trademark Office

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE United States Patent and Trademark Office Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/698,502	10/27/2000	Nereida Maria Menendez	285277-00018	6442
7590 05/19/2006			EXAMINER	
Kirk D. Houser			VIG, NARESH	
Eckert Seamans	Cherin & Mellott, LLC			
44th Floor			ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER
600 Grant Street			3629	
Pittsburgh, PA 15219			DATE MAILED: 05/19/2006	

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Art Unit: 3629

٠1

DETAILED ACTION

This is in response to communication mailed 22 March 2006. Applicant's filing of Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) on 05 January 2001 comprised statement for consideration during prosecution of subject application which has been considered during the prosecution of the application. Applicant had not filed Form 1449 and additional prior art for consideration with the IDS.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Naresh Vig whose telephone number is (571) 272-6810. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:30 - 6:00 (Wednesday off).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Weiss can be reached on (571) 272-6812. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see http://pair-direct.uspto.gov. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). Haresh Vig

Naresh Via

Art Unit 3629

May 15, 2006